

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, line 32, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- The present invention thus has as an aim a peptide corresponding to the formula (I)

W-Lys-Asp-Val-Z (I) (SEQ ID NO. 1-2)

or its peptide conjugate corresponding to the formula (II)

A-W-Lys-Asp-Val-Z (II) (SEQ ID NO. 3-4)

in which

A represents the radical corresponding to

- a monocarboxylic acid of general formula (III)

HOOC-R (III)

in which

R represents a C1-C24 aliphatic radical, linear or branched, possibly substituted by a hydroxy group, capable of including one or more unsaturations, advantageously from 1 to 6 unsaturations,

- lipoic acid or its reduced form, dihydrolipoic acid, Nlipoyl-lysine, or retinoic acid,

and W represents

Glu-Gln-Arg, Arg-Lys, Arg-Lys-Asp, Arg or a bond,

when Z represents

Tyr-Val-Gln-Leu-Tyr-NH<sub>2</sub> (SEQ ID NO: 12), Leu-DOPA, DOPA-NH<sub>2</sub>, or HomoPhe-NH<sub>2</sub>,

or W represents

Gly-Gln-Gln or Glu-Gln,

when Z represents

Tyr-Val-Gln-Leu-Tyr-NH2 (SEQ ID NO: 12), Leu-DOPA, Val-Tyr-OH, Val-Tyr-NH2,

Tyr-NH2, Tyr-OH, DOPA-NH2, or HomoPhe-NH2.—

On page 10, line 4, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Example 1: a lotion that includes the peptide conjugate Ac-

Lys-Asp-Val-DOPA-NH2 (SEQ ID NO: 6)

(in g)

- Peptide Ac-Lys-Asp-Val-DOPA-NH2 (SEQ ID NO: 6)  $5 \cdot 10^{-6}$
- 95° ethanol 60
- Propylene glycol 10
- Water - preservatives – fragrance qsp 100—

On page 10, line 12, please replace the original paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

-- Example 2: a lotion that includes the peptide conjugate Ac-

Arg-Lys-Asp-Val-HomoPhe-NH2 (SEQ ID NO: 5)

(in g)

- Peptide Ac-Arg-Lys-Asp-Val-HomoPhe-NH2 (SEQ ID NO: 5)  $10^{-5}$
- Water 81
- Keltrol T 0.5
- Techpolymer MB-4C 1
- Sepigel 305 0.5
- Silicone oil 0.2 1401 2
- Butylene glycol 5--

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE LISTING**

**IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING**

Please replace the Sequence Listing of record with the Substitute Sequence Listing enclosed herewith.